

And Denies Bratcher's Recount Request

Board Asks More On Peterkin Challenge

Around Town

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The weather in Hoke County has been the same for the past several weeks. The days have been in the high 80s and the low 90s and the nights in the low 70s. The afternoon or evening thundershowers seem to show up every 24 hours.

We don't think that we have had enough rain to hurt any of the crops so far. I believe that the corn crop is the best I have ever seen.

The forecast is the same for the remainder of the week.

The second primary will be held on Tuesday, July 27. The ballot will have races for judges, house of representatives and county commissioners. All of these races are important and you should make every effort to go to the polls that day and vote.

If you are going to be out of town on that date, then go by the Board of Elections office in the old county office building and secure your ballot to vote ahead of time. The office will be open every weekday until the election and the Supervisor or her helper will be glad to assist you in securing your ballot. They want you to vote!

It has been easy for everyone to vote, so be sure to exercise your right and cast your ballot.

If you don't vote, then don't complain about the job elected officials are doing.

Did you receive your tax notice from the city last week? I did and it almost made me lose my breath when I noticed the increase. It was somewhat more than I expected.

Of course the valuation went up, but it seems that the tax rate was increased too. I could be wrong and it could have just been the shock.

Now for you people that play golf, this item may be of interest to you. I am playing more golf now that I am retired and instead of one regular foursome, I have started with another foursome during the weekdays.

The new foursome is composed of Frank McFadyen, Neill McFadyen, Dr. John Ropp and yours truly. We play every Monday morning and it is different than being on the course on the weekends when it is crowded.

We all came to the conclusion that the preacher should keep score because he wouldn't do anything wrong with the pencil. It did amaze us when he told us after a hole that he would put our grade down.

We couldn't decide what method he was going to use, so we asked him if it would be Poor, Bad, Good or Excellent, also we were wondering if he was grading us on our golf game.

After the game Monday I wouldn't advise any of you readers to ask Dr. Ropp what his score was for the day. You might have to spend the afternoon or night with him.

He certainly didn't grade his score on the card with poor or bad.

The following letter was left on my desk Monday and I thought it would be of interest to most of the readers of this column. I have heard so much bad publicity about the World's Fair that it is good to bring this to you.

The letter follows:

Dear Sam:
Forty-four persons have just returned from a delightful bus trip to the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. Each one of us reacted positively to everything about the fair and we would encourage anyone to take the time and spend the money to attend. Would you believe that about
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LEARNING CPR -- Hoke County 4-H'ers are shown with Jim Henley, head of the Hoke County Ambulance Service, Monday morning in the Hoke County Public Library as Henley was starting his class in emergency cardi-pulmonary resuscitation [CPR].

Study Committees Named

Raeford committees were set up Monday night to work out arrangements for improved parking for handicapped drivers and priorities for repairing sidewalks and building others.

This was done at the City Council's regular meeting for July. The council also agreed to have marking of cars downtown for overtime parking eliminated if the Raeford Merchants Association expressed favor for eliminating it.

Councilman Joe Upchurch moved that if the association members acted before the next meeting of the council that the Police Department should discontinue the practice.

An association member attending the meeting in connection

For Hoke County

\$81,669 Road Fund Approved

The North Carolina Board of Transportation at its monthly meeting last week approved county-by-county secondary roads construction improvements allocations including \$81,669 for Hoke County.

The appropriations, totaling \$40 million, were allocated by the 1982 General Assembly.

In February the Board approved \$10 million from 1977 bond funds for secondary road improvements. That allocation represented the last of the bond monies designated for secondary roads. Total funding for improvements to secondary roads statewide for this calendar year (1982) is approximately \$50 million.

According to State Transportation Secretary William R. Robertson, Jr., "Without the 1981 General Assembly's passage of Governor

Teacher Appointments Approved

The Hoke County Board of Education last week voted to accept the recommendations of teacher appointments submitted by County Schools Supt. Raz Autry.

They are: Robert Steven Hagan to Upchurch Junior High School; Parnell Miles, to West Hoke School from Upchurch; Margaret Ellen Heidenreich to Upchurch as the new music and chorus teacher; Vickie M. Elliott to J.W. Turlington School; and Lou Ann Moore, special education teacher.

Heidenreich succeeds Anne Freeze, who has been named chorus director of Hoke County High School, succeeding Linda Huff, who has been appointed a teacher in the J.W. McLAUCHLIN School Fourth Grade.

For Hoke Water System

Grant Awarded

Hoke County has been awarded a \$255,495 in a state grant to help pay for the construction of a water-supply system.

It is included in the \$14 million in grants Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, secretary of the State Department of Human Resources, announced last week.

This funding was allocated under the provisions of the North Carolina Clean Water Bond Act which authorizes grants of up to 25 percent of the total allowable costs to assist in financing approved local water projects.

Grants are based on priority

ratings, and on the total funds available each quarter during the fiscal year. To date, state grants of approximately \$175 million have been awarded for water projects totaling more than \$825 million.

Funds for grants set aside under the Clean Water Bond Act are expected to run out at the end of September. There are no funds remaining in the allocations that were allotted for exclusive use by local governments. Applications are now undergoing processing for the final quarterly review period under the present act. The next announcement for grant awards will be made in early October.

The Hoke County Board of Elections last week decided to write James Peterkin, Jr., defeated candidate for the Democratic nomination for sheriff, for clarification and more information about the points in his challenge of the results of the June 29 primary.

The letter was written and mailed later in the week.

When Peterkin provides the information, the board will hold another meeting to decide whether his challenge is justified.

The board in other action at the special meeting, held July 7 in the board office, adopted a motion denying the request of Cleo Bratcher, Jr., for a recount of votes in the Democratic primary to nominate three county commissioners. The denial was made because, the board found, there were no grounds for the request.

J. Scott Poole, chairman of the board, reported that at the special meeting of July 6 no discrepancy was found in comparison of the vote counts on the tally sheets and those on the abstracts of the returns from the primary. The motion to deny the request was made by Poole, and the vote to adopt the motion was unanimous, with all three members of the board voting -- Poole, Tom W. Jones, and Betty Hogan.

Poole pointed out that the law says a recount can be called only when an error or a malfunction is pointed out.

Bratcher came within two votes of receiving a majority in the contests for the nominations for the three seats on the commissioners' board up for election this year. He received 2,032 votes. Since only Commissioner's Chairman John Balfour received a clear majority, runoff for the two other nominations were called for July 27 by Commissioner Mabel Riley and candidate Tom Howell, who finished fourth and fifth in that order behind Bratcher, who ran second to Balfour, and Commissioner James A. Hunt.

Peterkin was defeated for the nomination by Sheriff Dave Barrington, who received 2,601 votes to Peterkin's 1,717.

The points of Peterkin's challenge, and Poole's report to the other members of the board on each are:

--About 1,200 black and Indian voters were turned away from the polls, refused the right to vote. Poole said no names of voters allegedly turned away were given and that Peterkin should be requested to deliver to the board the names of the people who allegedly were refused the right to vote.

--A precinct worker told a voter not to vote for a given candidate. The board should request Peterkin to give the name of the precinct worker and the voter.

--Voters were required to vote outside their home precincts. Poole said, "We acknowledge this is possible." However, he added, the law requires that the voter find out and establish in which precinct he or she is to vote.

--Precinct workers did not let voters come into a voting place all at the same time, but just one at a time. Poole said he didn't understand the way this was put. He said Peterkin should be asked to clarify this point.

--The names of poll watchers for Peterkin could not be turned in to Harold Gillis, county Democratic chairman, because Gillis was out of town at the time; and the names were not accepted at the board of elections office. Poole said the law allows only political parties, not individual candidates, to have poll watchers. He said that, consequently, Peterkin was "out of order" on this point.

County Attorney Duncan McFadyen attended the meeting at the board's request since, as Poole put it, it was expected Peterkin's case will go to the federal government since it comes under Federal Voting Rights Act.

Also attending the meeting were Sam Morris, Clayton Bouyer and Danny DeVane, but merely as interested citizens, Morris said.

Council Considers Parking, Sidewalks

over two hours downtown was started in 1967 because store owners and employees were using downtown parking places all day, indicating this prevented some prospective downtown shoppers from parking conveniently close to the businesses they wanted to go to.

Specifically, the council action provides that the merchants are to come up with a recommendation that the Police Department discontinue marking cars parked overtime downtown.

During the discussion of special parking areas for vehicles of handicapped persons, the council was informed two more are needed -- one on each side of Main Street. Several merchants and Lawrence Bounds, who uses a wheelchair,

participated in the discussions. The council was informed that a ramp or some other sloping pavement from the street to the sidewalk, and two feet of free space next to the driver's side of the car are necessary for a parking space for the handicapped.

A committee which includes Bounds, representing the handicapped, and representatives of the city and merchants was appointed to work on the matter.

In other business, a motion to refund to First Baptist Church the \$400 city building permit fee charged in connection with construction of the church's new sanctuary was dropped on motion of Councilman Bob Gentry, who had made it at the council's June 7 meeting. The action was taken after City Attorney Palmer Wilcox advised the council that refunding would open the way for dropping the fees on future construction of buildings for churches and charitable institutions. This, he said, would be cutting funds available to the City Building Inspection Department. He also brought up the question: what should be done about churches' and charitable

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CETA Surveying Employment Opportunities

CETA personnel from Hoke High's Extended Day program are conducting a survey of employment opportunities in Hoke County.

Information will be gathered by phone, mail, and personal interview.

This survey is a required part of the summer program and has the approval of the local school, the Chamber of Commerce, and The Raeford Merchant's Association. Cooperation with this survey will be greatly appreciated.

Man And Dog Companions On Runs

Bobby Cunningham of Fuller Street has company when he goes for a run, which is just about every day of the week and for four to five miles a day.

His company is his dog, Boss, an 18-month-old Boxer.

Cunningham, just back from his morning run with Boss, Tuesday, said his dog has been running with him for nearly a year now, since he was about old enough to run any great distance.

He said their daily runs together started when he allowed Boss to follow him when Boss was a puppy.

Cunningham and Boss run in the morning before Cunningham goes to work with his father in his father's heavy-hauling business.

Boss acted eager to start running again after Cunningham finished giving the reporter the information. So they took off again down Elwood Avenue.



Bobby Cunningham and Boss, ready to run some more.